



The Trustees of the Publick INFIRMARY in Westminster, assured that their Conduct is misrepresented by some Gentlemen separated from them, and that a written Case is privately handed about, think it necessary to publish an Account of their Proceedings with regard to the Houses lately in Dispute, which is made a Pretence for the said Separation.

THE Trustees finding themselves (by the Blessing of God) in a Condition to enlarge and extend the Charity, did, at a Weekly Board held on the 6th of *December*, 1732, order that an Advertisement should be inserted and continued in the *Daily Advertiser* for Six Days successively, inviting Persons, who had any large Houses to let or sell, to bring in their Proposals to them: And by a subsequent Order of the 10th of *January* following, the same Advertisement was directed to be republished in the same Paper three Days in a Week alternatively, until Order made to the contrary, which was accordingly done: In consequence of these Advertisements many Houses were propos'd, all which were consider'd, and as they appear'd unfit for the purpose of an Infirmary, were rejected.

Whilst the Trustees were thus at a Loss, at a Weekly Board held on the 13th of *June*, 1733, certain Houses in *James-Street Westminster*, and *Castle-Lane* adjoining (part of the Estate of Mr. Green) were propos'd; upon which it was order'd at the same Board, that Dr. *Tessier*, Dr. *Stuart*, Dr. *Wasey*, Mr. *Aspinwall*, Captain *Hudson*, Mr. *Ayers*, Mr. *Moody*, Mr. *Stedman*, Mr. *Churchill*, and Mr. Serjeant *Amyand*, should be a Committee to view these Houses on *Friday* then next, and that their Report should be made on the *Wednesday* following. On *Wednesday* the 20th of the same Month, pursuant to the last-mentioned Order, the Committee reported, That on Examination of the said Houses, they were of Opinion they were very convenient and suitable for the Infirmary. Such Report made, it was order'd that a then subsisting Committee (of which most of the above-named Gentlemen, with many others of the Trustees,

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were Members) should treat with Mr. *Green* for these Houses, and make their Report to the next Quarterly General Board.

The 28th of the same Month of *June*, a Quarterly General Board was held, and it was hoped that some considerable Progress had been made in the Affair; but, to the Surprise of the Gentlemen then attending, the Committee reported, That on account of some Difficulties, the Treaty ended; and in course the Power of that Committee ceas'd.

The 29th of *August* following being a Weekly Board, the Gentlemen were acquainted that Mr. *Green*, willing to promote the Charity as much as possible, was ready to accommodate the Trustees with the propos'd and approv'd Houses, even in such manner as he believ'd must be agreeable to them: Upon which it was order'd, that a General Board should be held on the 7th of *September* then next, to receive and consider the Proposals.

On the 7th of *September* a General Board was accordingly held, when Mr. *Green's* Proposals being laid before them, the Question was put, Whether the said Houses would be convenient for the Use of an Infirmary, or not, and carried in the Affirmative; and then a Letter from Mr. *Lane* to Dr. *Stuart*, relating to *Lanesborough-House*, at the Request of the Doctor, being read, the same Question was put in relation to that House, and pass'd in the Negative. Then a Committee was appointed to contract and finally agree with Mr. *Green* for his Houses, and Dr. *Wigan*, Mr. *Edmund Fitzgerald*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Mr. *Stedman*, Mr. *Stagg*, Mr. *Thomas*, Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Ayers*, Mr. *Browning*, Dr. *Teissier*, Mr. Serjeant *Amyand*, Mr. *Chefelden*, Dr. *Ross*, Mr. *Pyle*, Mr. *Sherman*, Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Kemp*, Mr. *Churchill*, the Reverend Mr. *Hayward*, the Reverend Mr. *Hutton*, Capt. *Hudson*, Dr. *Wasey*, Dr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Aspinwall*, Mr. Serjeant *Dickins*, and Mr. *William Jones*, were appointed a Committee accordingly.

This Committee, agreeable to their Instructions, attended; and, satisfied with Mr. *Green's* Terms, agreed to a Draught of a Lease; but before they proceeded further, desir'd what they had done might receive the Sanction of a General Board. This Conduct of the Committee was approv'd by the Trustees, and a General Board appointed for the 27th of the same Month of *September*, and held accordingly; at which, that Committee reported their Approbation of Mr. *Green's* Terms, and the Draught of the Lease was read; but some Objections being then started, and Debates thereon arising, in order, if possible, to satisfy every Gentleman concerned, the Consideration thereof was suspended for Six Weeks; but, contrary to this Resolution of the Board, a few Gentlemen thought fit, immediately after (if it was not even done before) to take *Lanesborough-House*. The Trustees having received some Intimation of this irregular Procedure



Procedure of those Gentlemen, appointed and held a General Board on the 9th of *October* following; when they being called upon to account for such Behaviour, excus'd themselves by declaring, that that Step was taken by them on the behalf of Gentlemen designing the House for their own Use. Upon this Treatment the Trustees order'd, that the Agreement with Mr. *Green* should be carried into Execution, which was accordingly done.

And it is a Satisfaction to the Trustees, that they are fix'd in Houses upon free Land, in an open and proper Situation, with all Conveniencies within, not liable to any Inconvenience by the extreme Heat of the Summer, or bad Weather in the Winter, and therefore altogether sufficient for any Purposes of Health; where they can easily be supply'd with all Necessaries; in a Neighbourhood abounding with Trustees, who are constant and careful in their Attendance; and to which Place the poor Patients can conveniently be conveyed: And for these Reasons think themselves happy in the Conclusion of an Affair so material to them.

From this plain Account, it is presum'd, it will appear the Trustees have proceeded regularly and consistently, and hope to convince all Subscribers and Benefactors to this *Infirmery*, that by their faithful Application of whatever is, or may be receiv'd; by their Care of the poor Sick recommended to them; by their Diligence, Integrity, Disinterestedness, and true Zeal, nothing in their Power shall be wanting to promote and extend so good and great a Charity.



